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# SOUTH HIGH OPENING PERILED

## New City Post Up For Okay

### Department of Public Works to Be Created

The mayor and city clerk will be asked Tuesday night to sign a contract with John V. Russell employing him as the head of the new Department of Public Works.

Russell, who has been with the city building department since 1952 on a contract basis, is expected to head up the new city office at a salary of \$964 per month.

The contract agreement will be presented at Tuesday's city council meeting.

The Trees Grow  
Other items on the agenda include more problems with trees.

No sooner did councilmen end one dispute over the removal of city-owned trees last Tuesday, than two more have cropped up.

Councilmen will hear two requests from residents to remove trees at 2418 Torrance Blvd., and at 1754 Gramercy Ave.

### Exceptional Cases

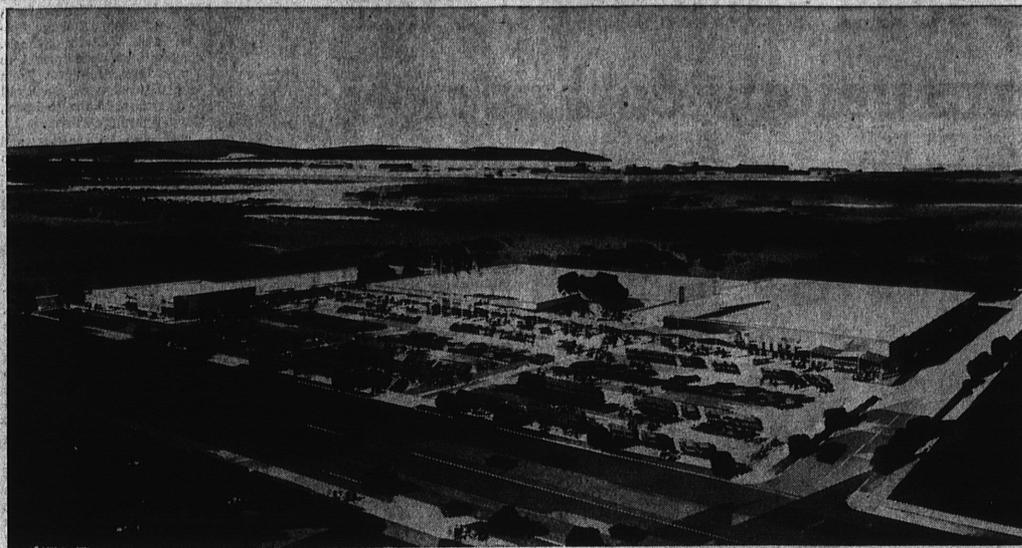
Since the city instituted a new policy of charging \$65 for removing trees, the council has been faced with requests for fee waivers in exceptional cases.

The traffic commission has also requested that stop signs be posted at Arlington Ave. and 170th St. for eastbound traffic; at Via Los Miradores on the southeast corner of Avenida Ateazada; and at Arlington Ave. and 171st St. on all four corners.

### Youth Caught in Act Of Stealing Equipment

A 15-year-old boy who was helping him do some work tried to make off with \$75 worth of his equipment, Richard Tolle Kunath, 2283 W. 255th St., told sheriff's deputies Friday.

Kunath said he had to leave for a minute. When he returned he found the youth hiding in the garage with a gun belt around his waist, a revolver, ammunition, a wrist watch, and a cigarette lighter on him. The youth was turned over to juvenile authorities.



NEW CENTER PLANNED . . . A new Jim Dandy Market center will be constructed at Sepulveda Blvd. and Ocean, just west of Hawthorne Ave. The eight-acre shopping center will be near the new Broadway-Sears

development. The new Jim Dandy Market to be constructed here will include all of the latest facilities for modern market shopping, store officials have announced. It is scheduled for opening next spring.

## Board Rushing Alternate Plan

If South High is unable to open on schedule this September, the second floor of Torrance Elementary School will be used temporarily for high school classes and Torrance High School will be on a staggered schedule.

That was the word Friday from School Superintendent

J. H. Hull, commenting on the schools' plan if the present strike of plumbers, hod carriers, and sheet metal workers lasts much longer. Continuation of the strike would block the opening of South High on schedule and would leave some 900 students without classrooms.

### Plans Developed

According to an emergency plan developed to meet such a situation, South High pupils would use the second floor of Torrance Elementary School and extra classrooms at Torrance High School, which would be placed on a staggered schedule. Torrance Elementary School, which has been off double sessions for several years, would again double up until the new high school could be finished.

Two separate schools—THS and SHS—and two separate schedules would be maintained, although they would use many joint facilities. Double use would be required of science laboratories and the gymnasium, with the auditorium to be used as a cafeteria.

Hull said several other plans had been considered for meeting the situation, but that they

### Settlement Talks Seen

Talks between striking members of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union, Local 108, and Sheet Metal Contractors' Assn. representatives may be held tomorrow afternoon, THE HERALD learned yesterday.

John Fenton, commissioner of the U. S. Conciliation Service, said both parties appeared receptive to talks. Some 6000 sheet metal men have been idled by the strike.

presented a number of problems. Torrance High School has the necessary equipment readily available, while renting additional space would create a storage problem.

"We are still hoping that South High will be open on schedule," he said.

The length of the strike will determine whether South High can be opened or how long a delay in opening would be required.

### Opening Delayed

Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrup last week told the school board that a two-week strike probably would make the opening impossible in September. The strike of plumbers makes other construction work impossible after a certain point, he said.

South High is the only building now under construction which was slated to open in September. Parkway Elementary School, already complete, is scheduled to open its doors for the first time. A lengthy strike might delay the start of work on additions at six elementary schools, and would halt work on the School District Library, now partially completed.

## Firecrackers Blamed for Grass Fires

Firecrackers were believed to have been responsible for some of the nine grass fires which occurred in Torrance on July 4, but firemen reported that they had not been able to find the celebrators who set them off.

Six of the nine fires occurred during the evening, as temperatures soared and humidity dropped, making ideal conditions for grass fires. None of the fires were of major proportions, however.

The day's log read like this: 10:45-11:15 a.m.—Redondo Beach Blvd. and Prairie Ave., grass fire.

11:15-11:35 a.m.—3823 W. 182nd St., grass fire.

6:45-7:08 p.m.—Amie and Maricopa, grass fire.

8:57-9:38 p.m.—4308 Newton St., grass fire.

9:12-9:25 p.m.—Crenshaw and Dominguez, grass fire.

9:14-9:19 p.m.—804 Beech, grass fire.

9:35-10:25 p.m.—Border and Portola, palm tree.

10:06-10:12 p.m.—5032 Marlon St., grass fire.

7:49-8:12 a.m.—238th and Madison St., grass fire.

## Entries Pour in For Area Parade

Entries are "pouring" in for the First Annual Torrance "Ranchero Days" parade. It was announced today by Lt. D. C. Cook, of the Torrance Police Department.

Cook, who is parade coordinator for the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event, said that a record number of Southern California's finest bands will appear headed by the Air Force Band from March Air Force Base. Other bands confirmed are Long Beach Youth Band, Bellflower Ranger Band, Sepulveda Youth Band, Torrance Area Youth Band, and American Legion Post 305 (Crenshaw) Color Guard.

Cook added that a number of mounted groups have entered headed by the Firestone Sheriff's Mounted Women's Posse.

It is hoped that local organizations, commerce and industry will enter floats in what promises to be the largest parade in Torrance history, Cook added.

## Demos Plan Dinner Here On July 20

"Salute to Our Solons" is the theme of the 17th Congressional District Democratic annual fund-raising dinner to be held on Saturday evening, July 20, at the Torrance Civic Auditorium, 1349 El Prado, announced Dr. Frank Sullivan, chairman of the 17th Congressional District Democratic Council.

"For the first time in many years, our Democratic legislators in Sacramento have been able to muster sufficient support to carry out many of the worthwhile aims of the Democratic platform, and to pass bills benefiting the majority of the people," stated Dr. Sullivan. "It is only fitting that we take this means to express our appreciation to these lawmakers for a job well done."

Among the guests to be honored at this dinner are Assemblymen Vincent Thomas, 68th AD; Clayton Dills, 67th AD; William Munnell, minority floor leader, and State Senator Richard Richards.

## Market Center Plans Revealed

Jim Dandy Markets has announced the acquisition of a two-acre market site located at the intersection of Ocean Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd. in Torrance for the construction of a super market.

The property was purchased by the Jim Dandy Division of Lucky Stores, Inc., from Kelly-Mullen for an undisclosed sum.

The new site is a part of an eight-acre development soon to be commenced at the intersection of Hawthorne Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd., directly opposite the recently announced 85-acre Regional Del Amo Shopping Center, which will include large units of the Broadway Department Stores and Sears, Roebuck & Co. Coldwell, Banker & Co., statewide realtors, has been named exclusive agent for the development.

The Beverly Hills architectural firm of Miller, Royer & Kite has started work on plans for the immediate construction of a Jim Dandy Market scheduled for completion in the spring of 1958. The market building will contain 27,000 square feet and will contain all of the latest innovations in market engineering and design including complete refrigerated air conditioning, automatic doors, and modern lighting.

A contract has also been awarded and work is now well under way for the site preparation of the entire project which upon completion will contain 100,000 square feet of buildings, and parking for over 400 automobiles.

The rapidly expanding Jim Dandy organization presently operates 10 super markets in Los Angeles County, and is a division of Lucky Stores, Inc., which operate 98 retail outlets in California extending from San Diego to Santa Rosa.

## Police Show Scheduled

Tickets will go on sale tomorrow for the annual Torrance Police Officers Association benefit show and dance.

The event will be held Nov. 9 at the Long Beach Municipal auditorium and a name dance band and a professional variety show will be on hand to entertain.

Solicitation for tickets will be done by telephone and delivery of the tickets will be made to the purchaser's home or business.

## 15 Swimmers Gassed After Pool Failure

Fifteen July 4 swimmers in the pool at Chadwick School's swimming pool were treated for the effects of chlorine poisoning after a safety valve failed to function.

Failure of the valve released a large amount of chlorine gas into the pool area and several of the members of four families swimming there were overcome by the fumes. All suffered lung and chest congestion.

Officials blamed the hot weather for failure of the safety valve. The gas clung to the ground and is invisible on contact with air.

## MORLEY IN RUSSIA AT TIME OF BIG PURGE

John Morley, Torrance HERALD columnist, couldn't have chosen a more propitious time for traveling in Russia.

In a delayed dispatch to THE HERALD, published today on Page 4, Morley foresees the cracks in the Kremlin and predicts that anything can happen.

His column, held up by censors, was written just before the Soviet Union announced the firing of V. M. Molotov, Georgi Malenkov, M. Z. Saburov, and Lazar Kaganovich, all pro-Stalinists.

In his analyses of the political strife within the Iron Curtain, Morley gave a lucid explanation of the events preceding the mass purge of Soviet leaders.



(Photo Arts Photo)

INJURED MAN . . . Ambulance attendants carefully place one of the injured men on a stretcher following an automobile accident at Torrance Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave. July 4. Two drivers were hurt in the three-car crash which marred the Fourth of July holiday here.

## Traffic Death Toll Increases

The second traffic fatality in Torrance during 1957 has been recorded.

John Ivan Childress, 21, from the U. S. Navy carrier Wasp died Wednesday night at Harbor General Hospital as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident Tuesday morning.

Childress was thrown from his car after it collided with one driven by William C. Daniels, 28, of 19310 Flavian St.

Other injuries from traffic accidents were reported by Torrance police.

In fair condition at Harbor General Hospital yesterday was Lawrence David Gollidge, 35, of 608-A S. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach.

Three involved Gollidge was one of three drivers involved in a traffic accident July 4 on Torrance Blvd. at Hawthorne Ave.

Howard William Lutz, 2443 Cabrillo Ave., told police he had stopped at the intersection when a third car driven by Harold Lavern Smart, 1422 W. 216th St., hit Gollidge's car which in turn smashed into his.

Smart also was taken to Harbor General for treatment. In an accident Wednesday night drivers of two cars were hospitalized.

### Temperatures

	High	Low
Sunday	74	63
Monday	74	59
Tuesday	88	64
Wednesday	82	59
Thursday	84	66
Friday	87	62

## Residents Flay Proposal For Riviera Beach Motel

There were pre-July 4 fire-works as the Torrance Planning Commission held a first hearing on the proposed rezoning of Don-Ja-Ran property originally slated as a resort hotel.

At the request of the City Council, the Planners are holding hearings to rezone the land from R-4 (hotel use) to R-1 (single-family residence).

Don-Ja-Ran representatives and nearby residents exchanged claims on whether the residents had been shown pictures of the resort hotel before they signed letters stating that they had no objections to the proposed hotel. Present Don-Ja-Ran plans are to place an 80-unit motel on the 20-acre site located at the southern end of Paseo de Playa.

### Petition Presented

Residents presented a petition with 50 signatures opposing construction of the motel. Sol Mann, 634 Paseo de la Playa, angrily attacked the plans for a motel and was threatened with expulsion from the meeting by President Bert Lynn. Mann claimed that many interested residents

had not been notified of the hearing.

M. Perry, 634 Camino de Encanto, said that when he bought his house, he was shown an artist's rendering of a one-story, cabana-type hotel to be placed on the site. He then signed a letter saying that he had no objection to the hotel, he reported. He would not have signed a letter of approval for a motel,

### Entrepreneurs Aid Motorists Find Parking

A couple of entrepreneurs, who capitalized on Fourth of July beach traffic, today are seeking to legalize their new business.

Torrance police brought an abrupt halt to a parking lot enterprise being operated without benefit of a license. The two men reportedly were charging customers \$1 to park their cars on a lot between the Riviera Club and the beach parking lot, July 4.

he said. Other residents expressed similar sentiments.

### Zoning Cited

Frank Stern, representing the builder, said that the property in question had always been zoned for apartment use before it was rezoned for the hotel, and hit plans to rezone the property for single residence.

Company representatives said they had been unable to get financing for the resort hotel and planned the motel as an alternative. They had virtually "given" the school district the site for Parkway School, they said, and would have had to charge more for homes in the area were the district in question not developing on a hotel or motel basis.

A Planning Commission committee will study the deed and the dates on the letters and the next hearing will be held on July 17 on the matter.

Commission President Bert Lynn said as many hearings will be held on the question as are needed.

### Court Action Hinted

Don-Ja-Ran representatives (Continued From Page One)